

Your answer to my letter of Jan. 22d. does not convince me, that the Constitution does not prohibit Slavery and slave representation, in the several states, as you claim.

I am well pleased with many of your remarks, nor have I the least fear that you will knowingly, sacrifice a righteous cause to Liberty, to the injury of the humble individual, who has been so long convinced of the fact that the Convention is all on the side of the objects of the Liberty Party, you would gladly avail them of the immense advantage.

You will not think me disrespectful, my Dear Sir, prompted as I am by an ardent desire to guard the rising prospects of bleeding humanity, against a side wind which is setting strongly against an important truth, and which even by its slant is holding Senate on the memorable 11th of Jan. 1842, that the framers of the Constitution have used the wrong word and that in omitting to use the only proper word, (slavery) instead of persons, they have sacrificed the rights of the South. That was a reasonable hint and to secure the benefit of it is my object in writing. That is the only hint which I have given. It is at the disposal of the general government for its disposal from the 10th amendment inasmuch as whatever is prohibited to the states is reserved to the General Government, the prohibition is prohibited in the broadest sense, and you will see that it is only the powers which are not reserved to the people by the Constitution, and those which are not prohibited by it, that are reserved to the states.

Now if the rights promised in the amendments are not meant for the whole, who are they meant for? If the promise that no person shall be deprived of Liberty, is meant for the freedom of every person in the United States, (and it is, in any sense) how does it secure the freedom of any person? and if it does not secure the freedom of any person, what was it meant for? I can see no use in it, unless you can produce some authority besides Sec. 2d. in favor of your opinion, I shall soon have the happiness to know that the broad basis in the United States is now is, sufficient for your standard of rights, independent of other amendments which we can never get, till three fourths of the States have perpetuated slavery, just as long as Party spirit, avarice, and ignorance may endure to want.

I have not time to notice all your arguments, nor is it necessary, as what I consider the main error is embraced in the question, what provision in the Constitution authorizes the States to enslave the African race, tolerate theft, murder, &c. I answer, the amendment just quoted, as the States are in Sec. 8, which empowers the Government to make laws necessary and proper for the welfare of each individual, the whole United States being composed of individuals. Suppose, for example, the Government should become convinced that the States were not to enslave, and absolutely require the abolition of slavery, what provision in the constitution would they violate in so doing? not one. It contains no prohibition, nor does it guarantee the States the right of slavery for a single moment, of course it does not guarantee the continuance of slave representation, and as the method for amending is to add new articles instead of amending the old, it is not as why, the three fifths principle, is not as really repealed by the 5th amendment, as if all that relates to slave representation had been actually struck out, for example, the 14th amendment, which states the Judicial power shall not extend to a case between a State, and citizens of another State, and this repeals the original which says it shall so extend, why does not the 5th amendment, which repeals liberty, and that abolishes the right to repeal slave representation, as allowed in the clause you have quoted; especially as you necessarily admit, that state laws and constitutions are subject to the amendment of the Constitution of the United States. It is better to be understood permit me to paraphrase Sec. 2d. thus. Representatives &c. shall be appointed by adding to the list of members, those who are in possession of Liberty 3-5 of those who are not deprived of Liberty. No Person shall be deprived of Liberty, thunders forth the 5th amendment. Now as the above fully repeats the relation to the judicial power, why does not this fully repeal the right to slavery, and slave representation? Be good enough to explain this more fully, and if I have exceeded the bounds of a strict construction, please to show where.

I have the happiness to perceive that the main point of difference between us, is that which relates to the powers reserved to the States, and this may easily be decided by the relation of the States to the deprive slaves of liberty is unconstitutional, and that the States have no right to make laws which 'conflict' with the Federal Constitution. Be good enough to consider this carefully, and if you will answer your questions satisfactorily be sure to remind me of it, and I will explain, and if satisfied that my views are right, I doubt not that you will cheerfully embrace them.

A POLITICAL ABOLITIONIST.  
Chesterfield, March 4th, 1844.

LINCOLN COUNTY ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

According to previous notice the Lincoln Anti-Slavery Society held its annual Meeting at the Union Meeting Hall in Bowdoinham village on Wednesday and Thursday the 6th and 7th days of March, commencing at 10 o'clock A.M.

By order of the Society, William H. Leach, and P. Wadsworth, of Bath, was chosen chairman pro tem. The throne of Grace was addressed by Rev. Daniel Fuller. On motion the following persons were chosen a committee of arrangements—Rev. C. C. Cone, Rev.

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